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## **Green Valley Pavillion Employee pleads guilty**

(Wilmington): Attorney General Carl C. Danberg announced today that Robin M. Daniels pled guilty yesterday to one count of felony Health Care Fraud and one count of Conspiracy Second Degree for her involvement in a fraudulent billing scheme at a Smyrna-area nursing home known as Green Valley Pavilion. The guilty pleas were entered in Kent County Superior Court before Judge Robert B. Young.

Daniels admitted that she committed fraud by engaging in a pattern of conduct which caused false bills to be submitted to the Delaware Medicaid Program. Daniels also admitted that she conspired to commit fraud with five former Green Valley Pavilion nurses: Mary J. Casper, Sandra L. Edwards, Denise M. Rhinehart, Mary L. Yarrington, and Jann B. Cox.

Daniels faces a maximum sentence of 15 years incarceration on the charge of Health Care Fraud, and two years incarceration on the Conspiracy Second Degree charge. However, as part of her plea agreement, Daniels agreed to cooperate with the ongoing investigation into the allegedly unlawful conduct at the nursing home. If Daniels fully cooperates with the terms of her sentencing agreement, the prosecution will recommend that she receive probation.

Edwards and Cox previously pled guilty to criminal charges in Superior Court and have separately agreed to cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the remaining defendants.

Yarrington and Casper are expected to be formally charged within the next 30-60 days.

The investigation was led by Special Investigators Allen Ruth and Dan Daly of the DE Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). Anyone with further information related to the case should contact Chief Investigator John Miller at (302) 577-8938.

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